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**HEARING SYNOPSIS**

**June 9, 2022 Agenda (46th Meeting)**  
**Present: Ganaban, Minn, Miyashiro, Hullinger**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – LICENSES GRANTED**

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

938 Piikoi Restaurant, Inc., dba Rooftop Bakery Café  
Transfer from Advanced Fresh Concepts Food Service Corp., dba Bakery & Table Hawaii  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
938 Piikoi Street

Coffee Talk, Inc., dba Coffee Talk/The Kaimuki Vault  
3601 Waiialae Avenue  
Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Good Company 2.0 LLC, dba Pint and Jigger  
410 Atkinson Drive, Space 1F4 (Ala Moana Hotel)  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

MNS, Ltd., dba Island Country Markets  
1860 Ala Moana Boulevard, Unit 4 (Wailana at Waikiki)  
Retail General license

**PUBLIC HEARING KEPT OPEN – CONTINUED TO JUNE 30, 2022**

[Comm. Minn moved for continuance; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

Lani Spirits LLC, dba Lani Spirits LLC  
1070 North King Street, Unit 208  
Wholesale General license

**PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLED**

[Comm. Minn moved for cancellation; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

The Shamrock Restaurant Group LLC, dba The Black Shamrock Tavern  
902 Nuuanu Avenue  
Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

**APPROVED AT PRELIMINARY HEARING**

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded;  
Vote 4:0 (Comm. Miyashiro with reservations)]

Blade and Timber LLC, dba Blade and Timber  
502 Keawe Street, Suite 111  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

**OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST GRANTED**

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

Free Spirits LLC, dba Free Spirits LLC  
440 Keawe Street  
*Special General license from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 25, 2022 (Honolulu Night Market at Kakaako)*

Free Spirits LLC, dba Free Spirits LLC  
502 Keawe Street  
*Special General license from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 25, 2022 (Honolulu Night Market at Kakaako)*

Hawaii Pacific University, dba Hawaii Pacific University  
1 Aloha Tower Drive (Aloha Tower Marketplace)  
*Special [Non-Profit] General license from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 11, 2022 (Night Market event)*

Yogurstory Honolulu, Inc., dba Yogurstory  
745 Keeaumoku Street  
*Special General license from 7:00 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following morning, on the following days:*  
1) June 18, 19, and 20, 2022;  
2) June 21, 22, and 23, 2022;  
3) June 24, 25, and 26, 2022;  
4) June 27, 28, and 29, 2022;  
5) June 30, 2022; and July 1 and 2, 2022;  
6) July 3, 4, and 5, 2022;  
7) July 6, 7, and 8, 2022; and  
8) July 9, 10, and 11, 2022\*  
*\*(July 11, 2022 - until 12:00 midnight only)*

Honolulu Museum of Art, dba Honolulu Museum of Art  
900 South Beretania Street  
*Special [Non-Profit] General license from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 9, 2022 (HoMA Vintage Aloha event)*

Y.H.L Investment, Inc., dba Kenko-Ya  
46-047 Kamehameha Highway, #14, Kaneohe, the former site of Ichiriki Japanese Nabe Restaurant  
*[Stand-Alone] Temporary Restaurant General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)*

Sodexo America, LLC, dba Sodexo America, LLC  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
777 Ward Avenue  
*Caterer's license to cater off the licensed premises to 2805 Monsarrat Avenue (Waikiki Shell) from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 18, 2022 (Henry Kaponono and Friends Concert at Waikiki Shell)*

Sodexo America, LLC, dba Sodexo America, LLC  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
777 Ward Avenue  
*Caterer's license to cater off the licensed premises to 2805 Monsarrat Avenue (Waikiki Shell) from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., on Sunday, June 26, 2022 (AJR Concert)*

Sodexo America, LLC, dba Sodexo America, LLC  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
777 Ward Avenue  
*Caterer's license to cater off the licensed premises to 2805 Monsarrat Avenue (Waikiki Shell) from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (daily), on the following days:*  
*1) Wednesday, June 1, 2022;*  
*2) Saturday, July 2, 2022; and*  
*3) Sunday, July 3, 2022*  
*(Hawaii Symphony Orchestra Starlight Series at Waikiki Shell)*

GT Sim, Inc., dba New Green Tee  
Dispenser General license (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and Hostess)  
1414 Dillingham Boulevard  
*Approval of the transfer of stock*

Brick Fire Tavern Chinatown LLC, dba Pizza Mamo  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
2 North Hotel Street, #2  
*Notification of new members and transfer of membership interests*

BSP LLC, dba Brown Stuff  
Retail General license  
98-064 Kamehameha Highway, Aiea  
*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*

Melody LLC, dba Melody LLC  
Dispenser General license (Categories No. 2 & 4 – Nudity and Hostess)  
1661 Kapiolani Boulevard, Bay 4  
*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Shirokiya Japan Village Walk  
Retail General license  
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Store #1360  
*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*  
[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0:1 (Comm. Miyashiro recused)]

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Shirokiya Japan Village Walk  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Store #1360  
*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*  
[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0:1 (Comm. Miyashiro recused)]

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Vintage Cave Café  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1380  
*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*  
[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0:1 (Comm. Miyashiro recused)]

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Vintage Cave Honolulu  
Retail General license  
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 2250

*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0:1 (Comm. Miyashiro recused)]

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Vintage Cave Honolulu  
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 2250

*Approval to renew its liquor license for fiscal year 2022-2023 (License in safekeeping)*

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 3:0:1 (Comm. Miyashiro recused)]

### **ADJUDICATION HEARINGS**

[Comm. Miyashiro moved to accept or amend recommended penalty; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

Kukui Meat Market, Inc., dba Kukui Meat Market, Inc.  
Wholesale General  
428 Kalihi Street

Violation: Rule 3-81-17.56 [Failure to accurately report its revenues from gross liquor sales or to properly complete the gross liquor sales report]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$750 penalty (prior)

Hawaii Performing Arts Company, Ltd., dba Manoa Valley Theatre  
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)

Violation: Section 281-41(e), HRS [Licensee, a limited liability company, failed to notify the Commission, in writing, of the name, age and place of residence of the member or members who have withdrawn, and/or the name, age and place of residence of the member or members who have been admitted, within 30 days from the date of such admission or withdrawal]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: Letter of reprimand

J&J Investment Group LLC, dba Palama Express  
Retail General  
1 Aloha Tower, Space #1208

Violation: Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS [Licensee sold, served or furnished intoxicating liquor to a minor, or allowed consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor at the licensed premises]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$2,000 penalty (prior)

Wei-Jian Qin, dba Ricardo's Italiano  
Dispenser Beer & Wine (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
98-199 Kamehameha Highway, Aiea

Violation: Section 281-31(t), HRS [Licensee purchased, acquired, or sold liquor which licensee purchased or acquired from a person or entity other than a licensed wholesaler]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

[Comm. Miyashiro moved to accept or amend recommended penalty;  
Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0 (Comm. Ganaban disclosure)]

Benihana of Tokyo, LLC, dba Rocky Japanese Steak Teppan Restaurant (nka Aoki Teppanyaki)  
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
2005 Kalia Road

Violation: Section 281-85(b), HRS [Licensee offered and/or provided intoxicating liquor as a premium or free good in connection with the sale of other merchandise]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Benihana of Tokyo, LLC, dba Rocky Japanese Steak Teppan Restaurant (nka Aoki Teppanyaki)  
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
2005 Kalia Road

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Failure to have a duly registered manager in active charge of the licensed premises during the time the establishment is open for business and licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Benihana of Tokyo, LLC, dba Rocky Japanese Steak Teppan Restaurant (nka Aoki Teppanyaki)  
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
2005 Kalia Road

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.8 [Failure to timely submit employee registration list]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$250 penalty

RTPHHV, A Hawaii Limited Partnership, dba Round Table Pizza/CJ's New York Style Delicatessen  
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
2005 Kalia Road

Violation: Section 281-38, HRS [Failure to comply with laws applicable to the business of Licensee, whether in existence at the time of issue of such license or enacted or amended from time to time thereafter, to wit, Emergency Order No. 2021-15, regarding COVID-19]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

### **ADJUDICATION HEARINGS – CONTINUED**

[Comm. Miyashiro moved for continuance; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 4:0]

Hiipaka LLC, dba Hiipaka LLC  
Restaurant General (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
59-864 Kamehameha Highway, Haleiwa

#### **Charge 1**

Violation: Rule 3-82-31.2(a) [Licensee conducted business outside of authorized class or category]

#### **Charge 2**

Violation: Rule 3-82-41.4 [Failure to notify the Commission, in writing, of any management and/or operating agreement prior to such agreement taking effect]

CONTINUED TO JULY 14, 2022 (Charges 1 and 2)

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC  
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
60 North Nimitz Highway

#### **Charge 1**

Violation: Section 281-38, HRS [Failure to comply with laws applicable to the business of Licensee, whether in existence at the time of issue of such license or enacted or amended from time to time thereafter, to wit, Emergency Order No. 2021-03, regarding COVID-19]

#### **Charge 2**

Violation: Rule 3-84-72.2 [Licensee failed to have street and/or primary entrances unlocked during the time customers were on the licensed premises]

CONTINUED TO JULY 7, 2022 (Charges 1 and 2)

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC  
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)  
60 North Nimitz Highway

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Failure to have a time card or other adequate record showing in English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

CONTINUED TO JULY 7, 2022

TU & H, Inc., dba The Ginza Nightclub/Mystique Lounge  
Cabaret General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)  
1217 Hopaka Street

Charge 1

Violation: Section 281-38, HRS [Failure to comply with laws applicable to the business of Licensee, whether in existence at the time of issue of such license or enacted or amended from time to time thereafter, to wit, Emergency Order No. 2021-01, regarding COVID-19]  
Plea: No contest

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-84-72.2 [Licensee failed to have street and/or primary entrances unlocked during the time customers were on the licensed premises]  
Plea: No contest

Charge 3

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Failure to have a time card or other adequate record showing in English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]  
Plea: No contest

Charge 4

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]  
Plea: No contest

Charge 5

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Failure to have a duly registered manager in active charge during the time the establishment is open for business and is licensed to sell or serve liquor]  
Plea: No contest

CONTINUED FOR PENALTY PHASE TO NEXT AVAILABLE DATE (WITH OTHER GINZA MATTERS)  
(Charges 1 to 5)